

BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

In the Matter of the Application
regarding the Conversion and
Acquisition of Control of Premera Blue
Cross and its Affiliate

Docket No. G02-45

Special Master's Case Schedule
Recommendation

Following consultation with the Commissioner, the Special Master recommends the following Case Schedule. (Recommended dates are measured from the trigger date described in the "Special Master's Scheduling Recommendation" dated July 7, 2003, at pages 3-4.)

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| 1. Deadline for OIC Staff to submit
Draft Consultant Reports &
Executive Summaries | Trigger date ("T") + 6 (weeks) |
| 2. Deadline for Premera to
(a) recommend redactions of confidential information
contained in the Draft Consultant Reports
prior to public release;
(b) suggest amendments to the Draft Consultant Reports
to address factual errors; and
(c) amend Premera's Form A Application | T + 8 |
| 3. Deadline for OIC Staff to submit Final Consultant Reports | T + 10 |
| 4. Deadline for Premera and Interveners to submit Final Expert Reports | T + 12 |
| 5. Deadline for final disclosure of Fact Witnesses | T + 13 |
| 6. Deadline for Depositions of OIC Consultants | T + 14 |
| 7. Deadline for depositions of Premera and Intervener Experts | T + 16 |
| 8. Final Discovery Cut-Off | T + 17 |
| 9. Deadline for OIC Staff, Premera and Interveners | T + 19 |

to submit Pre-Filed Direct Testimony

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| 10. Deadline for Pre-Filed Responsive Testimony
(responsive to pre-filed direct testimony) | T + 21 |
| 11. Hearing begins (10-15 hearing days) | T + 24 |
| 12. Deadline for Post-Hearing Submissions | 2 weeks after hearing ends |
| 13. Commissioner's Decision | As soon as possible after
Post-Hearing Submissions |

Recommended this 14th day of July, 2003

George Finkle
Special Master for the Insurance Commissioner

The Insurance Commissioner having reviewed the Scheduling Recommendation of the Special Master, such recommendation is hereby adopted/modified.

Entered this day of , 2003
Mike Kreidler
Insurance Commissioner